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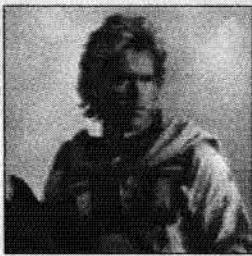
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Former WWF champion Ultimate Warrior spoke to RWU students on November 17. An advocate of conservatism, Warrior discussed his transition from the ring to the round table.

Ultimate Conservative

Former WWF champion speaks out against liberalism

Mark Walerysiak
Contributing Writer

The lights weren't as hot as spotlights. The crowd wasn't as frenzied as in WrestleMania 6 when he pinned Hulk Hogan for the heavyweight championship. And he didn't run to the podium in ferocity, nor shake the microphone with infinite energy as he once did the ropes.

But when former two-time World Wrestling Federation champion, and beloved star of the square-circle in the eighties and early nineties, Ultimate Warrior, spoke to a jam-packed classroom.

There was a certain amount of electricity in the air as Warrior made his way down the aisle of onlookers, following an introductory video highlighting his career.

His November 17 presentation was not about wrestling, but on his new focus, conservatism, and its challenger—liberalism. The event was sponsored by the RWU College Republicans, and titled "Multiculturalism is for Sissies."

"Everybody take a deep breath. I can always feel the tension when I walk into a room," said Warrior—his legal name for 12 years now.

Still an imposing figure, despite admitting that his physique is no longer the priority it once was, Warrior looked up to the audience and asked, "Can this thing [podium] slide this way?" Warrior grabbed an edge and pulled. An audible creak was heard, the audience hooted.

"Guess not."

The chronicles of Warrior's life began when he was a scrawny teenager who discovered the weight room. Seeing his body transform from bone to brawn gave him confidence, discipline and self-motivation. Seven years into a chiropractic education degree in Atlanta, Georgia—a professional wrestling hotbed at the time—he was presented an opportunity to get into the wrestling business and the rest as he puts it, "was history."

Fans of the Warrior's career know he has had absences from the business, specifically from '92 to '96, when he had to make "morally tough decisions." Warrior said the McMahons (WWE

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Split decision on same-sex marriage

Aubrey Joyce
News Editor

On November 2, 11 states voted on constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage: Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah. Twenty million Americans voted, and in every state except Oregon, the amendments passed by at least 60 percent.

Gay marriage has become a major issue that has divided the United States. Some believe that the legalization of gay marriage is long overdue and would break down a barrier of discrimination toward same-sex couples. Others believe gay marriage is wrong and should not be lawfully allowed because of religious disapproval, the concern of the preserva-

tion of marriage or the worry that children raised by same-sex couple will suffer emotionally and perhaps sexually.

On November 17, students and staff attended a Socrates Café, moderated by Professor June Speakman, to discuss the issue of gay marriage. They debated whether this decision

when it is appropriate to discriminate and divide the population into those who can marry and those who cannot. Right now, many gays and lesbians are heading to Massachusetts to get married; however, same-sex marriages in Massachusetts are not recognized nationwide. In addition, President Bush is supporting a fed-

taged—teased by their peers or sexually confused. Another implication brought up by students was the increased number of children being raised by single parents. Although the lifestyle might not be ideal—one mother and one father—these children lead healthy and happy lives, they claim, so why is it any better for

a single parent to raise a child than a same-sex couple?

Another important aspect of this issue is morality and/or religion. It is in the opinion of many religions that it is immoral to marry, or even have relations with, another member of the same sex. One student expressed his concern that what constitutes immorality is different to all people. Another student articulated his confidence that religion is the true dictator of the

If gay marriage is allowed on a federal level, then there becomes the possibility that other "alternative" types of marriages, such as polygamy, will be pushed by certain groups.

should be placed in the hands of the federal government or be kept at a state level. Professor Jeffrey Martin expressed his belief that the states, which have always had purview over this issue, should have the right to determine if gay marriage is accepted within their own legislation.

If this issue is left in the hands of the state governments, the question then becomes,

eral constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage in all states.

The implications of gay marriage were also discussed. If gay marriage is allowed on a federal level, then there becomes the possibility that other "alternative" types of marriages, such as polygamy, will be pushed by certain groups. Also, children raised by same-sex couples may be disadvan-

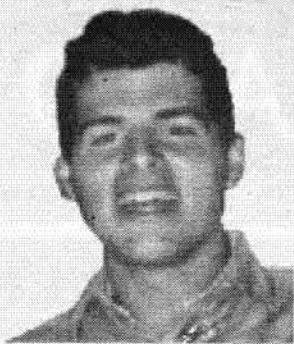
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ONE TOUGH HAWK



Photos by Scott Roberts

For three consecutive days, a hawk took down seagulls outside the Gabelli School of Business. One student who witnessed the massacre said, "The seagulls didn't seem to learn their lesson, they kept taunting the hawk."



Chris Villano
Contributing Writer

Tao: In Taoism, the basic, eternal principle of the universe that transcends reality and is the source of being, non-being and change.

Ahhh, it's good to be back home after the break, isn't it? Wait, did I just imply that college is home? I think I did—was that an accident? In fact, I find myself doing that a lot. I've been doing it for a few years now, and if you're a freshman, odds are, this is the period in your college career that you'll start referring to the dorms as "home" too. But still, since when is this joke of a state our home? (No offense, except for you RI natives who don't know how to drive, and have spinner rims on your F-150s).

The truth is, as college students we're like nomads moving from place to place, we no longer have a "true home." I think I am reminded of that every year around this time. Sure, people go home every now and then for a weekend or two during the semester, but Thanksgiving break is different. It's the first time EVERYONE is home. Think back to Thanksgiving your senior year in high school—it was just another Thursday. Now it's a mad dash to find as many of your friends as possible. A time to break

From Providence, with love

The Tao of Thanksgiving Break

out the fakes, head to the bars, head to the beaches, head to the woods, head anywhere possible to show off your newly-acquired drinking skills and remind everyone "How we do it back at school" (don't be that guy).

My younger brother is a freshman in college this year, so now I get to watch him go through everything I did. Here's a good example of what I'm talking about: the first night we got back for break we were hanging out (actually I was destroying him in Halo 2) and one of his high school buddies, whom he hasn't seen since summer, walks in the door with some shocking news. "Rob, last night, was frickin' crazy, me and like three other guys killed off about eight thirty-packs in an hour." I hated to do it, but I cracked up in his face (you know you would have done the same).

Sometimes—actually every time I'm home—I have trouble re-adjusting to living under my parent's roof. Don't get me wrong—having a stocked fridge and home-cooked meals is better than having a class canceled. But having to adhere to what your parents expect from you while you're home is harder than waking up for an 8 a.m. class in North Campus on a Friday morning after your best friend Jack Daniels invited you over for some co-ed naked beer pong the

night before (around the rim and in). Because after all, the only reason we get off Thanksgiving week (and I do say "week," because although technically we aren't free until Wednesday, no one goes to class on Tuesday) is to eat turkey and fulfill one of the yearly social obligations to the family. So I try not to come home late, belligerent and rummage through the fridge looking for munchies every night. But there is one night that it's totally unavoidable: Thanksgiving Eve. Girls are out celebrating because it's almost time for all those post-Thanksgiving sales, and guys are out celebrating because their chances are seriously improved by 1,000 percent. I really don't need to go into any detail from here.

But before you can say "home is great," you're heading back to school, to little Rhode Island, writing essays, doing projects, being that guy who shows up late, wearing sandals in the shower and eating at transfer. But I suppose this is the way it is, this is the world we live in now. People always say college years are the best years of your life and I wonder if that's true. But I do know one thing is: every time I come back to school I'm thankful for the people I've met, the things I've learned and the places I've been. Now let's go out and get wasted!

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Police Beat

Slip a Little Extra in my Eggnog

Friday, November 12, at 8:21 p.m.:
Ben Camobreco, 19, of 157 Winter St., Duxbury, Mass., was charged with possession of beverage of an underage person.

Wednesday, November 17, at 11:59 p.m.:
Stephanie Ann Whitney, 22, of 5 Coggshall Ave., Bristol, RI, was charged with DUI/drugs first offense and refusal to submit to a chemical test.

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Editor's Desk

This message is brought to you by Friends episode 7.2, "The One with Rachel's Big Kiss," which teaches females everywhere: don't forget to explore the options.

Today we will focus on two distinct types of males: the stalkers and the heartbreakers. First, the stalkers: they're creepy. Ladies, you know who we're talking about. Those guys who follow you out of class, make mindless conversation as they walk you to your car and show up at your workplace because they "were in the neighborhood." First of all, nobody is ever just "in the neighborhood" unless it's Mr. Rogers (and he's dead). Second, we're nice, and there's no good way to tell you we're not interested. So, to all stalkers: WE'RE NOT INTERESTED.

Now, to the heartbreakers. You sure know how to ruin the holidays for a girl. Here's a handy piece of advice: three years and one diamond (promise) ring later, a BAD excuse for the breakup is, "Something just isn't there anymore." Here's a good replacement phrase: "I love you, you were the best thing to ever happen to me. But, I need some 'me time' and I have no intention of hooking up with anyone else for many months." So, to all heartbreakers: THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

So, thanks Jennifer Aniston and Wynona Ryder, for giving experimentation national airtime.

To the Editor:

I'm alarmed by comments from Bristol Town Council officials in the Nov. 13th article by Aubrey Joyce, "Some Bristol Residents Feel RWU is Taking a Free Ride." In my Nov. 6th "Open Letter to the Administration," I lamented the University's unwillingness to engage in an open, democratic process when negotiating with the town to pay fees that would take the place of property taxes – and thus, I argued, would be effectively indistinguishable from the taxes themselves. At the time I wrote this letter, I assumed that the town of Bristol had fundamentally misunderstood the degree to which the University's administration and Board of Directors could serve as legitimate representation for the student body. These bodies are not elected by the students, and have a fundamentally different set of priorities than the student body. I thought that the Town Council had simply not understood the latter point, or considered the importance of the first.

The Town Council's comments suggest that I was wrong – the Town Council may simply care not a whit for legitimate student representation, or for applying a truly democratic process to this discussion. Consider the comments of Town Council Vice President David Barboza, who asserts that "Roger Williams knows they need to do something, so they are not forced by state law to become equitable." I find the thought process here to be bizarre. If the Town Council feels that the current law classifying the University as a non-profit is not equitable, or the law exempting non-profits from property taxes, then the democratic, honest thing for them to do is to lobby the state legislature for a change in the law. That is, they should do precisely what Vice President Barboza presents as a threat! Lobbying the state legislature would allow the Town Council to present its argument, and the Student Body and administration would be able to present theirs as well – after all, it's our state legislature too. For that matter, concerned citizens in Bristol would be able to voice their concerns directly in an open deliberative process. Taking this issue to the state legislature would produce a process that is open, pluralistic, and democratic in the finest tradition of the word.

Why isn't the Town Council doing this? I believe it is because RWU's behavior is equitable. One purpose of making a University exempt from property taxes must surely be to encourage its expansion, thus increasing the cultural and economic benefit the University can bring to a host town. President Ruggerio laments the University's acquisition of Almeida Apartments and its subsequent removal from the tax rolls – but surely, this is precisely the sort of behavior envisioned and encouraged by the legislation that defined our University as a non-profit! The same holds true for the University renovations that Ruggerio identifies as a "sore point" in the community.

The Town of Bristol does not have a reasonable argument for their assertion that the University should be paying money – ultimately, *student* money – to the town. This is why it isn't seeking redress in the state legislature, openly and fairly. Instead, it seeks to work behind the backs of a sizable block of Bristol residents – the student body – and produce a pseudo-tax without the benefit of openness, discussion or democracy, let alone student representation.

It's possible I'm wrong. Maybe the town *does* have a strong argument that the University's behavior is inequitable – a stronger argument than "it is inequitable because public opinion is against it," which is all their current position boils down to. If such a stronger argument does exist, then let's hear it! Let's go to the State House, and argue for or against a change in the law. Or, the Town Council could sit down with the Student Senate – the *elected* representatives of the students who'd be paying any tax-surrogate – and establish an agreement with that body. I don't object to taxes in principle – but despite Mr. Barboza's reassurance that there is no difference between a tax and a tax-replacement, I see no functional difference between the two. Taxes of any sort *must* be approved by elected representatives of the taxpayers, either in Providence or the Student Senate chamber.

Ethan Maron
Class of 2006

Note: Due to the recent influx of Letters to the Editors, we are now enforcing a 700-word limit on future submissions. For any letters that exceed this limit, the Herald reserves the right to refuse publication, or edit content to fit the space provided.

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**ASK MEG & ASH**

Dear Meg and Ash,

I'm having a really hard time changing my makeup over to a more "winter-y" look. I like to wear bright blues and pinks, but those are mainly summer colors. What do you suggest?

Mad over Makeup

Mad over Makeup:

We're glad you asked! This is no problem at all, but we do see a lot of girls sticking to the same makeup patterns throughout the seasons, which can sometimes be a fashion faux pas. It works if you stick with browns year-round, but if you tend to go more extreme, you do want to be weary of what's in for the season. Of course, your look depends on the occasion, but more neutral colors for the eye, such as browns, tans and greens are definitely in for the fall and winter. You can also wear gold for a more dressed-up look and even shades of grays and silver look lovely with the right outfit. You mentioned pink being one of your favorite colors, so try to stay away from intense pinks and go more toward pastels. Try putting a light shade of brown under the pink accent. For lips and cheeks, almond and nutmeg are perfect for the colder weather. Since most of us will be losing our radiant tans, you want to go lightly on the blush, the lighter the better. For a finishing touch add a nice bronzer to give you that healthy glow. When in doubt, stick to less shiny colors, unless heading out for a night on the town. We hope we were helpful!

Dear Meg and Ash,

I was in class the other day when the teacher said something rude to me. What should I do about it? I am still very upset.

Just a little respect, that's all

Respect:

Your best option is to talk to the teacher in private. Go to his or her office during office hours and explain to them the situation and why you are feeling upset. He or she is a professional and under no circumstances should he or she be rude to you. You are both adults and should have mutual respect regardless of whether you like each other. Were you goofing off in class? Perhaps they were just trying to get you to settle down. Was the comment biased, racist or sexist in nature? If it was then your situation needs to be taken to a higher level. Regardless, this is not preschool and you should not be treated like a 3-year-old. If it was completely uncalled for, take action to make sure it doesn't happen again, but consult a higher authority. You don't want your grades to suffer. Good Luck!

Keep those emails coming! askmeg_ash@hotmail.com

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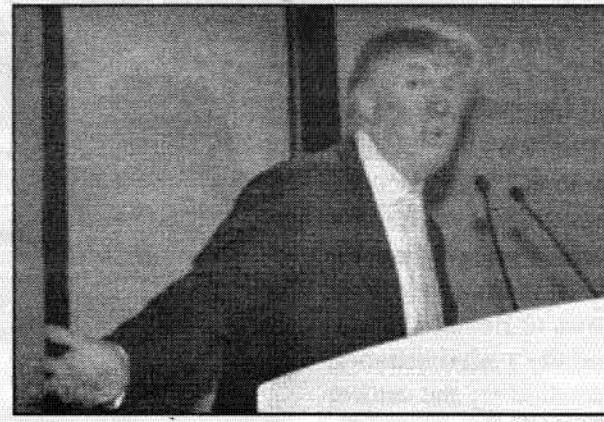
Gina-Marie Mariano
Contributing Writer

The Public Relations Student Society of America, PRSSA, has launched its first full year at RWU. Dr. Robert Ristino, a communications professor and academic advisor of the chapter said, "There was an enthusiastic response from the students and the chapter continues to grow." The PRSSA was unveiled at RWU last spring, and there are currently 30 members, but 29 others have recently indicated that they will be joining. PRSSA's officers include President Matthew Taylor and Vice-President Stephanie Marak, as well as Brandee Choquette, Alison Garr, Angela Guarino and Jen Leclerc.

The PRSSA, founded by the Public Relations Society of America (the PRSA) in 1968, is

specifically designed for public relations majors, and provides students with educational opportunities in the field. RWU is the first university in Rhode Island to have a chapter, adding to the PRSSA's 248 chapters nationwide. According to Ristino, the PRSSA provides many ways for members to network with each other, and with PRSA professionals. PRSSA-Talk is an emailing list that allows members of the organization to discuss the public relations profession with other members. In addition, the PRSSA publishes a national newspaper three times a year, *The Forum*, which provides members with updates about the society.

Vice President Stephanie Marak said, "We want to set up a 'student-run firm' modeled after a



Donald Trump at the PRSA conference in New York.

real firm and run our own PR business, sticking with the rules and regulations of real world PR... [Our goal] is to acquire an organization, whether it be someone like the RWU Inner Class Council (ICC) or an off-campus nonprofit organization, who needs help in the field of PR. I want everyone involved in PRSSA at RWU to come away from this year with a full portfolio to show at future internships or job opportunities. We're here to have fun, but our main point is to learn the ins-and-outs of PR which will help us be a step ahead of everyone else when vying for a job!"

The chapter attended the PRSA's annual national conference earlier this semester. It was

held in New York, where students were able to network with professionals, set up internships and interviews and receive resume critiques. In addition, the featured speaker was Donald Trump.

Executive Assistant to the National Liaison Adam Noska said, "The conference was a great experience, with phenomenal workshops, and we got to hear Donald Trump!"

While the conference is typically five days, the RWU chapter was only able to stay for one, due to scheduling conflicts and a lack of funds. The chapter hopes to stay for the entire conference in the years to come.

Session spans from acoustics to rap

Erin Kimberly Landers
Contributing Writer

While the hosts of the latest Expression Session, entertained the crowd with their "Are You Afraid of the Dark" references and inside information that fortune cookies kill zombies, playing the guitar appeared to be the most popular way for students to express themselves.

One of the first bands to go on was The Traveling Gynecologists.

The group claimed that instead of practicing, they just make-up songs as they go along, using electric and acoustic guitars. One of their spur-of-the-moment songs centered on gastronomical excess, i.e., eating and drinking too much.

A stand-out performance of the night was Doug, a first-time participant. In addition to playing an acoustic

guitar and a harmonica, he belted out a self-penned song, followed by an instrumental John Faye tune.

Doug's performance was followed by Ray, another first-timer at the Session. Ray, playing an acoustic guitar, started off with a slow ballad, then unexpectedly broke into a rap. As Kevin put it, "That is the kind of performance people will talk about."

Metallica Mike followed with his red and yellow electric guitar, his fingers a blur as he riffed, energizing the crowd.

Following Metallica Mike, Kevin, one of the cohosts, gave out a dual "Badass Reward" to What's the Status, the first band to play, and Metallica Mike.

Expression Sessions are held every Thursday night in the Other Place.

Marriage

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path of gay marriage. If popular America has religious beliefs that oppose gay marriage, then gay marriage will not be accepted as a legitimate union.

Another important aspect of same-sex marriage discussed at the Socrates Café was the layer of benefits enjoyed by married couples, but not granted to same-sex couples. One member of the Socrates Café outlined two layers of gay marriage: the formal and permanent commitment and the legal benefits enjoyed by gay couples. For instance, why shouldn't a gay couple, who love each other in the same way as heterosexual couple feels about each other, be refused health benefits or visitation with his/her sickly loved one in the hospital?

On the flipside, one student brought up the issue of the sanctity of

marriage. The student expressed the belief that marriage is specifically defined as a permanent bond between a man and a woman, and unless that definition is altered,

PewForum.org
October 2004 Poll

55 percent of Americans say they feel that homosexuality is a sin; 33 percent disagree.

49 percent of Americans with college degrees opposed same-sex marriage and 44 percent were in favor of allowing them.

Younger adults (20-30 years old) were evenly split on favoring or opposing it.

Americans in their 60s and 70s, oppose gay marriage by more than four to one.

marriage cannot be between two members of the same sex. This student advocated total benefits for same-sex couples through civil unions, but did not accept that same-sex couples be termed "married."

Another student emphasized that gay and lesbian couples should be given the same rights

as anyone else, to include marital rights.

Personal attitudes toward homosexuality have certainly changed. More and more people seem to accept that homosexuals deserve equal rights.

However, the issue of gay marriage is still not acceptable to all. After seeing 11 states approve constitutional amendments to ban gay marriage, it is uncertain whether same-sex marriage will ever be legalized on the federal level.

Professor Kurt Torrell questioned when law should reflect majority opinion. Should the people who voted for the constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage have a say in this issue?

Those who attended the Socrates Café were left to ponder who, in fact, should be left to decide the issue of same-sex marriage: the federal government or the state.

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Warrior

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owners) told him he was family, "and once you are family, you are always a part of the family." Over time, Warrior came to grasp what kind of people the McMahons were, and didn't like it. He says, "It was more, 'Warrior bend over harder and grab your ankles.' I didn't like the way I was being treated."

The time came when Warrior returned home after being on the road for over 40 days, and saw his Titan Sports check in the mail. "There were a lot of numbers on those checks, but I didn't like those people, and I knew they weren't my friends." Warrior made the difficult decision to choose integrity and morals over money—he was 33.

Warrior, now 45, explained, "During my time out, I was paying attention to what was going on in culture and politics, and heard how liberals wanted to destroy Western culture."

Warrior's father left when he was 12, offering no support, financial or otherwise. Warrior says, "Here I was behind a silly, painted face; I experienced the power I had over young minds."

It was at this time he had discovered the *Great Books of the Western World*. The 60-volume collection contains 517 works by 130 authors, and describes 30 centuries worth of literature, mathematics, science, history, theology and philosophy. Because of his father's absence, Warrior had felt a void until finding the books. "Here I was in my thirties and I could point, 'these are my heroes, these are my role models.'"

Warrior exchanged his muscles for his mind. "When I started to go out to college campuses I was surprised how many people don't care."

He directs his disgust specifically to President Clinton's second term. "Here is a man who is literally and figuratively the leader and he is acting like a pervert and a child. There are politicians that are lying, shameless individuals in all parties," says Warrior. "The philosophy has to be right before the politics are right. Government doesn't mean anything to chickens, cattle, and cats. The government won't work unless the people work, and I don't mean nine to five. Philosophy isn't some higher state of mind created by great philosophers to leave others

confused. Whatever your philosophy is determines how you think and act."

Warrior's thunderous voice and obvious intensity engaged the audience and demanded attention. He believes the America of today is compromising core values that stood for strength and honor, and liberals are at the forefront.

"To [liberals] there are no absolutes, no true or false, no good or evil. They are sissies, cowards, and even pussies. To them the bum is as legitimate as the businessman, being a queer is just as legitimate as the heterosexual, Kwanzaa is just as legitimate as Christmas, and the anarchist is as legitimate as the police officer! America is a great melting pot alright, the enemy truly is within."

Warrior quoted the Oath of Naturalization, "I will defend the Declaration of Independence." He continues, "In other words you're here, not there, become one with the philosophy of America. What don't you understand about that? America is a superior culture and civilization to all others since the beginning of time. But the foundation is so cracked you can see through it to the communism of China."

In a blitzkrieg on



Warriorweb.com

today's education, Warrior lashed out against liberals who try to twist the system. "Education should teach (students) the potential to think for themselves. The only thing that should obscure their dreams depends on how hard they are willing to work."

"President Reagan said, 'If we forget what we did, we will forget who we are.' Liberalism is trying to make us forget. They don't want American values, for the same reason peasants in third world countries teach to destroy."

Warrior claims liberals are ashamed that America has power. "We can't let others know we're powerful. In the classrooms, brains are now trained to be anti-leader, even anti-mind."

Warrior suggests the country should teach independence and self-reliance. "Stand up and say 'Screw you, I can succeed.' These people will learn self-discipline, not self-indulgence."

"Why is it that liberals despise what America stands for and won't make good on their promise and leave? They are anti-American, but not anti-America. They want the seats so they can turn it into a playground. It is their intent to win in order to have liberalism. Socialism, communism, Marxism, none of them succeeded, they all failed."

"Under liberalism," Warrior argues, "those of you in here that work harder than others will be handing it off to the have-nots."

"To pull this off liberalism needs non-American diversity. A lot of people ask me, 'but Warrior, this country is built on immigrants.' Yes, the people who dropped to their knees and shed tears and kissed the ground. Lots of immigrants of today urinate and defecate on the land. The people must live up to their end of the deal—the Declaration of Independence demands responsibility to the

republic's demands and needs, and not a disrespectful obligation to a free ride."

Concerning the homosexual rights/marriage debate Warrior said, "People can practice whatever freaky things they want. A queer can jump over a fence and screw a reindeer. Just don't cram it down my throat, no pun intended," eliciting a large reaction from the crowd.

"I don't make the kind of money speaking as I did wrestling. If you apply yourself you can do anything. The knowledge is out there to do whatever you want to do. Liberal used to mean a person who created freedom in his life. My philosophy is classical liberalism."

"Time is important on this planet. We must continue traditions and respect those who came before us. Ask yourselves what the founding fathers surely asked themselves. 'Will I do in my life what will live forever?'"



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Rhode Island Bishop Geralyn Wolf became "Aly," a homeless woman, during sabbatical.

the love and generosity of the poor."

She recently had a book published, *Down and Out in Providence: Seeing Christianity Through New Eyes*, which allows people to see the joys and

tragedies of the homeless.

Wolf encouraged RWU to become engaged in community service. "Choose something that grabs and unites you, and be passionate about it."

Bishop Wolf finds path to happiness through homelessness

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On Wednesday, November 17, Rhode Island's Episcopal Bishop Geralyn Wolf shared a heartwarming tale with almost 60 RWU students and staff. Her story was about her month-long undercover journey in 2003 as a homeless person.

Wolf had taken a sabbatical after successfully beating breast cancer, and receiving the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Association Award. Although she could have gone anywhere in the world, she chose to spend a month as a homeless person.

As "Aly," she traveled to several homeless shelters and encoun-

tered many people, some who accepted her and some who did not.

To get the full effect of her experience, Wolf had to protect her real identity. She grew her hair longer, dressed differently and obtained a fake ID, which read "Aly Wolf." She admonished the audience, however, that this is illegal.

Wolf spent many nights at the "Welcome Arnold" homeless shelter in South Providence. There were about 14 beds in each room, with barely any space between them. She was given a towel and told to shower, if she came back with a wet towel she would receive a sheet to put on her bed. All of the occupants had

to be in bed by nine and out in the morning by seven to catch a bus called the "Goose." The bus either took them to breakfast or the day shelter.

Wolf surprised the audience by saying she actually enjoyed life this way. She had no telephone, no computer and no appointments—Wolf made many friends and had a lot of fun. There were many men that "fancied her" and made her feel welcome and appreciated.

Wolf also stayed in shelters in New York and Pennsylvania. While in Philadelphia, she was inspired by a young girl who said, "I want to teach you a song." She continued,

singing, "I need you, you need me, together we make a family." Wolf was filled with joy, surprised that this poverty-stricken girl was saying this to her.

Eventually, Wolf revealed her true identity to several others in the shelters. One of the women asked, "What did you learn from us," and Wolf gladly responded, "Some cuss words, about sex and relationships, generosity, love, caring about each other, community and how much I'm going to miss you all."

Wolf said one of the reasons she decided to experience homelessness was, "To get to know these people more intimately and capture

Renovated lab ready to roll

Heather Kordula
Science Editor

If anyone has wandered downstairs in the MNS building lately, they may have noticed that one of the biology labs have received a makeover. What used to be the forensics lab has been renovated into a research lab.

Drs. Marcie Marston, Sean Colin, Kerri Warren and Avelina Espinosa will be sharing the new facility in order to conduct their current research projects in more adequate space.

In the past, research projects were performed in classroom labs when there was available space. Professors and students would have to work around the lab schedules, as well as their own conflicting schedules, which was what led to the need for

a dedicated research space.

Therefore, it was decided that the labs would be moved around in order to free up one lab room specifically devoted to research.

Dean Koelle gave her approval for external grant money from other organizations toward the renovations of the new research facility.

The lab is split into four sections, one for each professor's ongoing research with a common space in the middle.

Marston's research concerns the co-evolution of bacteria and viruses in Narragansett Bay.

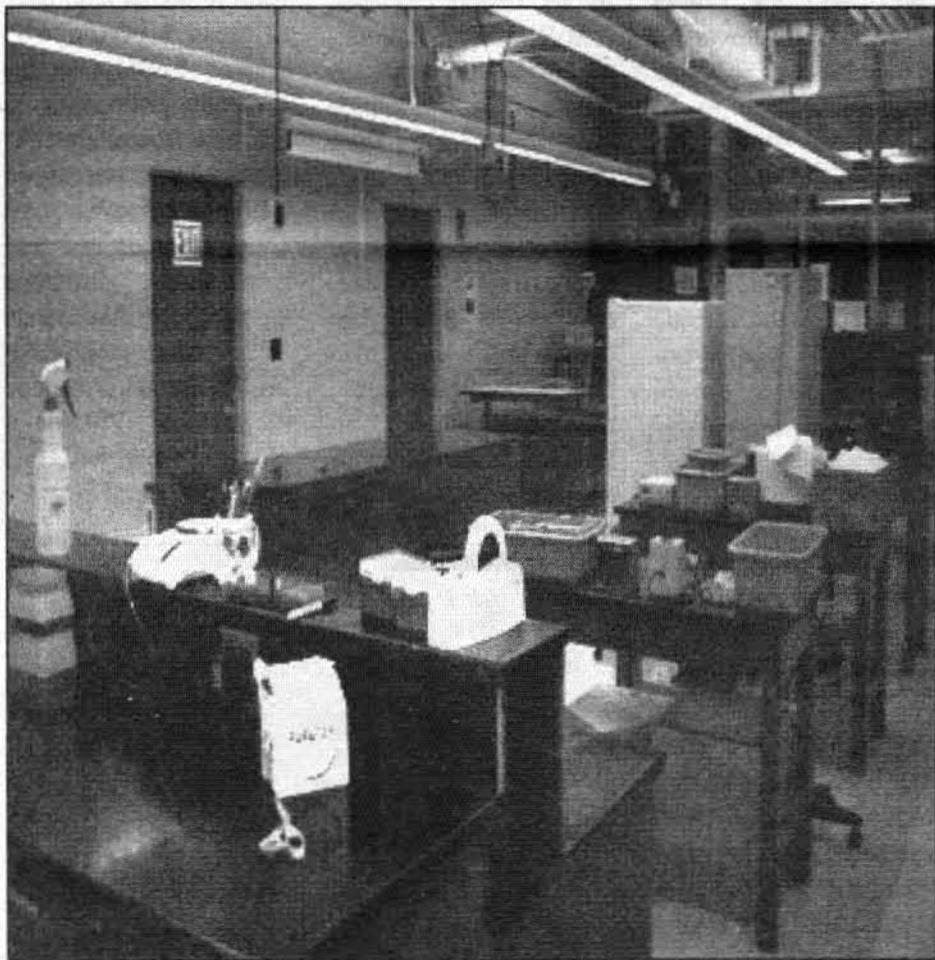
Warren has a statewide grant to conduct research about molecular toxicology. She is looking specifically at the comparison between the cardiovascular development

of zebra fish and humans. Warren's grant money also will fund tanks, as well as a new dissecting and compound microscope.

Colin has a National Science Foundation grant to work with hydromedusae video imaging and analysis. In order to accurately conduct his research, Colin will have a separate room with no windows.

Each professor will have three to four research assistants during the year.

Marston is the only professor currently in the new lab. Colin, Espinosa and Warren are still awaiting equipment. According to Marston, "The renovations are taking longer than expected; however, they are almost done and should be complete by the beginning of December."



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The renovated lab on the ground floor of MNS is being used for new research projects for the science department.

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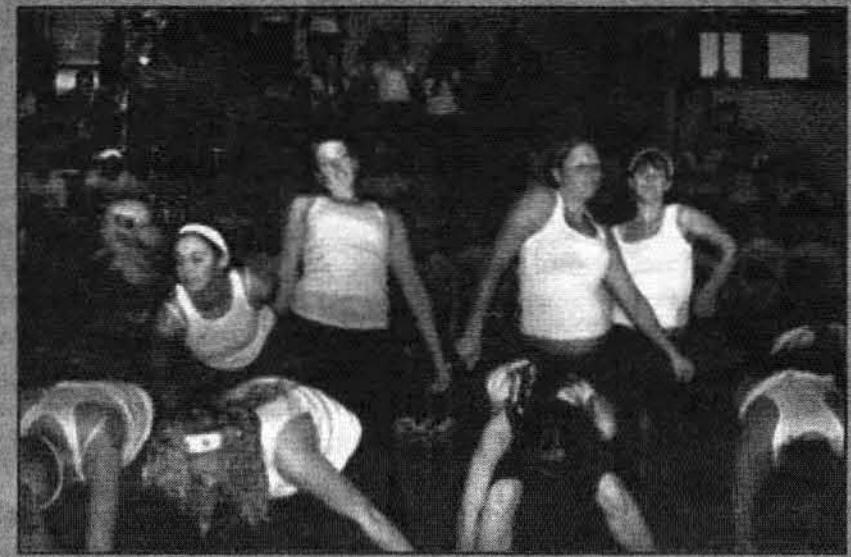
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Blaine Moffa

The RWU Dance club performs at Midnight Madness.

Dancers set to perform

By Rachel Martelly

The RWU Dance Club fall semester show will take place in the Rec Center Field House on Tuesday, December 7, at 8 p.m.; doors will open at 7:30 p.m. The Dance Club is RWU's largest club and its members practice all semester for the performance. Dance Club President Stefanie Mosher states, "I take pride in my passion for dance and have been fortunate enough to share it with the RWU Dance Club." The RWU Dance Club is open to all who enjoy dancing. Hip-hop is the predominant genre performed; however, the audience will be given a taste of tap, jazz, ballet and modern dance. The show consists of two acts and a 10-minute intermission. Tickets will be on sale for \$2 Friday, December 3 through Tuesday, December 7 at the ticket booth in the Rec Center lobby during lunch and dinner hours, or tickets can be purchased at the door.

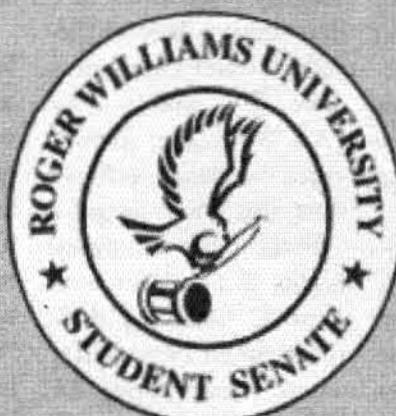
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Friends don't let friends see "Alexander"

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"Alexander" was the worst movie I have ever seen in my life. Seriously. It is a three-hour movie with two fight scenes that lasted approximately 20 minutes. Trust me, you have already seen all the good parts in the trailers. The rest of the movie is pointless, consisting mostly of Alexander whining as he makes his way across Asia. That's it. Do not pay to see this movie. Do not rent this movie. If you have the chance to see it for free, respectfully decline. You must tell your friends and family to avoid "Alexander" like the plague. If there are people that you care about, you owe it to them to not let them see this movie. Given the choice of seeing this movie again or paying someone to kick me in the stomach, I would choose the latter.

When I first saw previews for this movie, I all but marked the release date on my calendar. How could you not get excited? It's a war movie about the man who all but conquered the known world. To sweeten the deal, the movie is directed by Oliver Stone and stars Angelina Jolie, Colin Farrell, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Val Kilmer, Rosario Dawson and Jared Leto. From the trailers, it seemed like the movie would be about Alexander's aptitude in battle, with allusions to his drinking, and probably some love interest thrown in for good measure. In short, it appeared to have the makings of a phenomenal movie in the likeness of "Apocalypse Now" or "The Deer Hunter."

Nothing could have prepared me for the longest three hours of all time, and for the movie to convey but two points: 1) Alexander

cried all the time and 2) Alexander was bisexual. As a matter of fact, if you were to describe Oliver Stone's Alexander in two words they would be "bisexual crybaby." Throughout the movie Alexander acts more like a preteen girl than a soldier, either tearing up, flirting with his buddy, or both.

After seeing the movie, I began calling every single person in my phone's memory and went on a rant, much like the preceding paragraphs. I have made similar statements to every store clerk and waitress I have come in contact with since seeing this awful, awful movie. I am trying to touch as many people as possible with my message, which is why I write this now. This movie has taken away \$10 and three hours of my life that I will never get back. The least I can do is save others from a similar fate.



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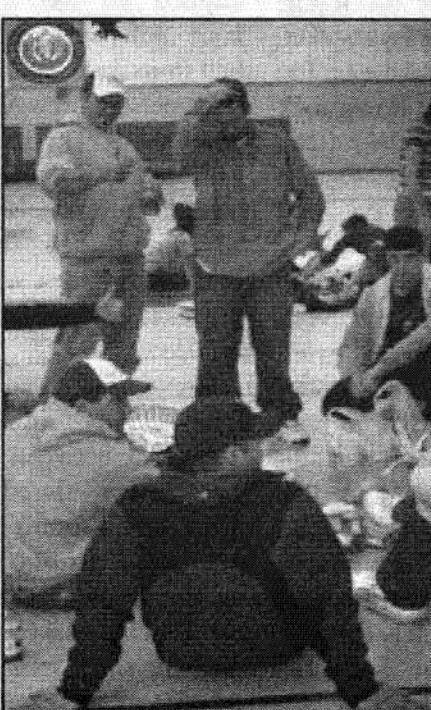


The sailing team's winning turkey basket.

SAAC Basket Competition

Caption and photos by Jen McMahon

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) met on November 21 to put together Thanksgiving baskets. All RWU athletic teams participated, making one or two baskets each, and donating money. SAAC donated 24 baskets, surpassing last year's total, and raised over \$400 for gift certificates. Locally, Stop & Shop donated an additional \$80 to add to the baskets. The teams were given one hour to decorate the baskets. Over 130 athletes were part of this event, but the sailing team won the contest.



Scripted Sports

Lack of sportsmanship seen at professional level

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

Relax. Take a deep breath. What you just saw really happened. It did. And you're going to see, read, hear, think and breathe it for an undetermined period of time.

If you're like me, these above statements began to filter through your head after watching Ron Artest leap into the stands, searching for the beer baron who so dastardly threw a cup at him while he was power napping on the scorer's table.

Lately, situations like the Detroit brawl have been happening so frequently that I haven't

had the chance to blink or even get my Tivo plugged in on time. It seems like each day something outrageous and shocking happens in the sporting world. From Terrell Owens to Tyron Willingham, the sports that we know are, simply put, not simple.

There was the fight before the Cleveland Browns vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers game where LB Joey Porter and RB William Green swapped spit before swapping fists. Who in their right mind would mess with Joey Porter?

Last year he got shot in the lower back during a drive-by and still played in a game later that week.

Then there is Terrell Owens. He may fit the description of the self-proclaimed "bad guy," but he is a "jackass." And if you don't believe me, take a trip to his personal website, terrellowens.com. For \$200 you can buy an autographed football. It's not like he needs your money.

But Latrell Sprewell apparently does. Sprewell, a member of the Minnesota Timberwolves, turned down an extension to his contract a few weeks ago, which would have paid him \$27 million over three years, because he said it wasn't enough to feed his family. Is Sprewell feeding a small country?

Speaking of family, isn't a football team kind of like a big family? Tell that to the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. The two teams took a play from Ron Artest's playbook and began to rumble at midfield just minutes before their final game of the season. It looks like this family had an ugly divorce. For the seniors, it was one last hurrah—or, hurry I've been hit!

Rick Carlisle (middle) is stuck between his Indiana Pacer players and the Detroit Pistons near the scorer's table. The fight started when Pacer forward Ron Artest (picture, bottom left) fouled Piston Center Ben Wallace. The fight moved into the crowd when a fan threw a cup of beer on Artest. The NBA has given Artest a 73 game suspension, the longest in league history.



Photos by AP

The Clemson University vs. the University of South Carolina football game was fraught with tension Saturday as late in the fourth quarter a fracas broke out on the field.



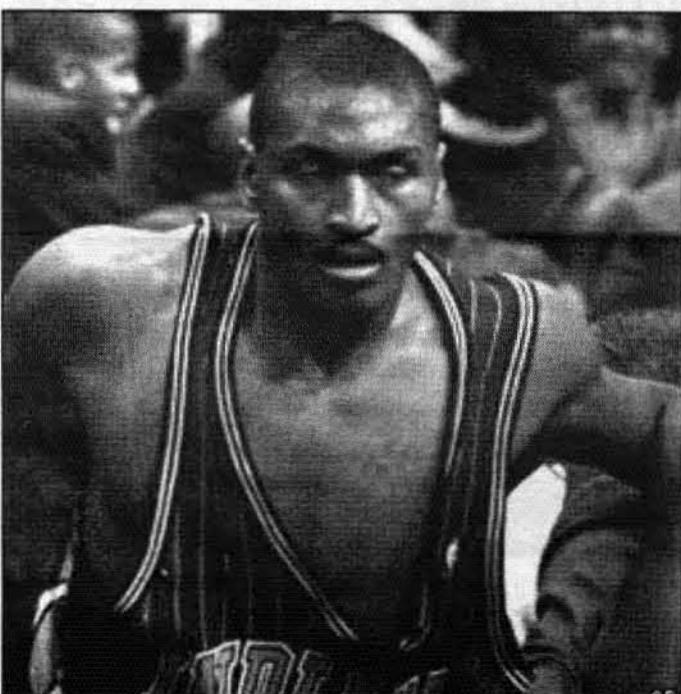
This week ended with the firing of Notre Dame football's head coach, Tyrone Willingham. ND has been known for their academic standards and their cherished program, but this week the Board of Trustees pulled the trigger and fired their head coach after only three seasons. This story has caused controversy

because Willingham was the third African American coach fired this month. He leaves behind a tradition the school would love to forget. "Return to Glory" has now become "Fade to Black."

If one were to pinpoint reality, it would have to be found somewhere between Owens and

Notre Dame. Some are quick to say sports video games are a shadow of reality. I agree to disagree. For some, like me, sports have become a circus.

Reality television, take a seat on the bench. We're putting in the backup.



Tempers flare in men's basketball opener

Hawks fall to FSC Rams 66-57; fight breaks out between players and fans

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

The RWU men's basketball season had a dismal start Tuesday night as the Hawks were dropped by the Framingham State College Rams (FSC) 66-57. RWU fans were also at a loss when an altercation in the stands between RWU students and family members of a Rams player brought up memories of the Indiana/Detroit fight just a few weeks ago.

The game began like any other—the opening

tip, won by the Rams, led to an easy bucket. The Hawks came up flat early, as the Rams took advantage of their quick guard play, pushing the score 8-0 in the first three minutes.

The Hawks finally got on the board with 16:45 left in the half as forward Brandon Parrish, sophomore, finished a pass from Chris Cormier, junior. The men took that momentum and stretched it to a modest run to take the 10-8 lead.

Unfortunately the next ten minutes saw the Hawks' wings being

clipped as the Rams zone defense kept the ball from reaching inside to centers Andrew Viena and Parrish. The Hawks were left at a disadvantage, forcing jump shots, something they struggled with the whole night. They finished the half down 33-22.

Excitement filled the next twenty minutes. Tensions between the two teams flared as Viena and a Ram player got into a scuffle after exchanging words under the Hawks' basket. The incident set a trend for the rest of the game, as

just a few minutes later a dispute between RWU students and family members of FSC player Anthony Washington interrupted the action.

After a full minute, Washington, who was on the court at the time, came over to the stands and got involved in the frenzy. Athletic Director George Kolb and RWU Public Safety were on the scene promptly, ejecting the students that were involved.

It took a minute to clear the area before play resumed. The Hawks made some adjustments

during the timeout, enabling them to break down the zone defense and get the ball to Parrish, who finished the game with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

They cut the lead to 55-49 with 4:15 left, but their Shaq-like free throw percentage, 8 of 21 from the charity stripe, wasn't a handout after all, and the Rams clinched the game.

To add insult to injury, Washington took it upon himself to express anger toward the RWU fans. After making two free throws, he gave the

crowd his best flip of the bird. This was followed by a loud, raucous taunt from the stands and more ejections by officials.

The Hawks will be back in action Sunday, December 4 at 3:30 p.m. when they host Anna Maria College.

* While the coach from FSC apologized for his team's actions, the recent fights at the professional level have raised questions concerning the integrity of the sport, including the actions of players and fans.